

and dedicated leadership in representing municipal employees in Burlington. As a former mayor of Burlington, I can attest firsthand that Mr. Atkins has distinguished himself as an indomitable leader of workers' rights efforts in the State of Vermont.

Lindol Atkins began his fight to improve the rights and protections of Burlington city employees back in 1968 when he joined AFSCME. Elected president of AFSCME Local 1343 in 1970, Lindol continued his mission to advance the rights of workers by skillfully handling all grievance and arbitration cases. As the lead negotiator for the union, he also led many successful contract campaigns that ultimately improved employees' wages and working conditions. In 2005, Mr. Atkins retired as president of the Burlington AFSCME local, but rather than slow down and enjoy his well-earned rest he continued his leadership role within the labor movement by being elected president of the Vermont State Labor Council, AFL-CIO.

A husband and father of 12, Lindol Atkins has the enviable ability to be able to do many things well—a wonderful and necessary quality in one with such a deep devotion to the labor movement as well as to his large, loving family. Indeed, it is the dedicated and remarkable people like Lindol Atkins who have kept America moving forward. His unparalleled commitment to civic values has been a major factor in earning Vermont its well-deserved reputation for social justice and principled community leadership. Lindol has received many awards for his work guiding Vermont's labor movement, with the capstone being the presentation of this year's AFL-CIO Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award.

The quality of life in Vermont, and in our Nation, is strengthened by individuals such as Lindol Atkins, Jr., whose quest to better working conditions for men and women in his community has brought a great sense of solidarity to not just the people of Vermont, but the entire Nation. I commend his loyalty and great contributions to the labor movement, to Vermont, and to the United States.●

RECOGNIZING SHAIN'S OF MAINE

● Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, as the summer months are upon us, millions of Americans will indulge in the traditional summertime treat of ice cream. Almost nothing is as refreshing and enjoyable on a hot summer day as a cold scoop of ice cream, and a company in my home State of Maine is making it possible to enjoy this dessert year round. I rise today to honor Shain's of Maine, a family-owned and operated small business that has been serving this delicious frozen treat year-round to Mainers since 1979.

Shain's of Maine is based in Sanford and began as a small retail ice cream company three decades ago. Over the years, Shain's has continued to grow

and now operates a restaurant and a thriving wholesale division. It has been reported that Shain's dishes out as much as 3,000 quarts of ice cream a day in winter and 10,000 quarts a day in summer! Shain's credits the hard work and loyalty of its employees with their ability to keep up with the tremendous demand for its product. Shain's employees speak fondly of the atmosphere and fun working environment at Shain's and also boast about some of the "sweet" perks working at this small business, which include: free ice cream, breaks whenever the employees want, and the occasional half-filled quart of ice cream to take home.

In order to attract new customers, Shain's markets its products by sending out samples to restaurants and other establishments that sell ice cream. Shain's has always taken pride in its superior quality and service, and attributes those same virtues with the company's longevity and success today. Shain's commitment to the customer and ability to respond to the needs of its loyal fans has allowed Shain's to grow tremendously throughout its existence. Indeed, Shain's currently delivers its 100 flavors of ice cream to 300 independent stores and 100 ice cream stands. Its Sanford location offers customers creative sundaes—including its famed Wipeout Sundae, including four ice cream flavors, four toppings, whipped cream, and cherries—as well as a variety of frappes, floats, sherbets, and frozen yogurts.

One particular ice cream concoction has become wildly popular among Mainers because of its connection to the local minor league baseball team. The Portland Sea Dogs, Maine's AA affiliate of the Boston Red Sox, offer one of Shain's delicious creations, the classic Sea Dog Biscuit, at their home games. The Sea Dog Biscuit is Shain's take on the traditional ice cream sandwich, featuring vanilla ice cream and two giant chocolate chip cookies. It is this kind of creativity and clever marketing that allows Shain's to differentiate itself from other, larger ice cream companies.

This marvelous story of a successful small business is a reminder to us all that caring for customers and valuing your employees can result in long term success in any industry. As countless tourists travel to Vacationland this summer, I am certain that many will be searching for a cool treat to satisfy their sweet tooth, and Shain's of Maine will stand ready with scoops in hand! I congratulate Shain's of Maine for its ongoing dedication to providing delicious ice cream for Mainers and tourists alike, and I wish the company many more years of success to come.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

REPORT ON THE NATIONAL SECURITY STRATEGY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA—PM 58

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services:

To the Congress of the United States:

Consistent with section 108 of the National Security Act of 1947, as amended (50 U.S.C. 404a), I am transmitting the National Security Strategy of the United States.

BARACK OBAMA.
THE WHITE HOUSE, May 27, 2010.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD) reported that he had signed the following enrolled bill, which was previously signed by the Speaker of the House:

H.R. 5139. An act to provide for the International Organizations Immunities Act to be extended to the Office of the High Representative in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the International Civilian Office in Kosovo.

At 4:37 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 282. Concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-5929. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Emerald Ash Borer; Addition of Quarantined Areas in Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Wisconsin" (Docket No. APHIS-2009-0098) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 26, 2010; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5930. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to